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GOALS

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1. THE BULGARIAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AUG 10 REVIEWED
RESULTS OF THE PAST SIX MONTHS' ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE
(REFTEL) AND EVIDENTLY DID NOT LIKE WHAT THEY SAW. ACCORDING
TO AUG 11 BCP PAPER RABOTNICHESKO DELO, THE COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS HAS WARNED MINISTERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS AGAINST
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FAILING TO MEET QUALITATIVE ECONOMIC INDICES. REPORTEDLY,
SEVERAL OFFICIALS HAVE ALREADY BEEN "TAKEN TO TASK" FOR
UNSATISFACTORY UTILIZATION OF MATERIAL RESOURCES (I.E.
EXCESSIVE WASTE) (COMMENT: PROBABLY FOOD & AGRICULTURE,
CONSTRUCTION, TRANSPORTATION) AND FOR FAILING TO IMPLEMENT
EFFECTIVELY "SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENTS" AND FAILING TO
MASTER NEW PRODUCTION. AS A RESULT, THE COUNCIL REPORTEDLY

ADOPTED (UNSPECIFIED) MEASURES TO BOLSTER EFFORTS FOR FULFILLING QUALITATIVE ECONOMIC INDICES. NO FURTHER DETAILS WERE GIVEN.

2. IN ADDITION, COUNCIL ADOPTED "DECISIVE MEASURES" (ALSO UNSPECIFIED) FOR A SHARP INCREASE IN PRODUCTION, IMPROVEMENT IN QUALITY, AND DIVERSIFICATION OF THE RANGE OF GOODS, ESPECIALLY "STYLISH, LUXURY, AND CONVENIENCE GOODS".

3. THE MINISTRY OF MACHINE BUILDING AND METALLURGY APPEARS TO HAVE COME UNDER FIRE IN CONNECTION WITH SHORTFALLS IN SUPPLYING EQUIPMENT FOR THE AGRICULTURAL AND CONSTRUCTION MACHINE BUILDING INDUSTRY AND FOR THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR.

4. AT THE SAME SESSION, THE COUNCIL ASSESSED CROP LOSSES FROM FROSTS AND RECENT HEAVY RAINS. HINTING AT THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PROBLEM, THE COUNCIL REPORTEDLY DECIDED TO "MOBILIZE ALL EFFORTS" TO BEGIN A DRIVE TO RECOUP THE LOSSES. (THE AGRICULTURAL DAILY, KOOPERATIVNO SELO, CARRIED A PAGE ONE ARTICLE THE SAME DAY CALLING FOR HARDER WORK EFFORTS. IT SAID THAT LOSSES AMOUNTING TO SEVERAL MILLION LEVA HAVE BEEN INCURRED IN THE OKRUGS OF BURGAS, VRATSA, KURDZHALI, PLEVEN, RUSE, SLIVEN, KHASKOVO, TOLBUKHIN, AND YAMBOL.)

5. COMMENT: GROWTH RATES FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1977 HAVE BEEN MODEST, BUT IN GENERAL TERMS HAVE BEEN WELL BELOW PLANNED GOALS. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, FOR EXAMPLE, GREW UNCLASSIFIED

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ONLY 7.7 PERCENT, AND CONSTRUCTION AND TRANSPORTATION, NEVER STRONG PERFORMERS, HAVE CONTINUED TO LAG WELL BELOW PLAN. THERE WERE EARLIER INDICATIONS THAT THE MINISTRY OF MACHINEBUILDING AND METALLURGY WAS NOT MEETING SOME OF ITS SPECIFIED TASKS. WHEN ECONOMIC RESULTS WERE RELEASED AT THE END OF JULY, THAT MINISTRY WAS CRITICIZED FOR HAVING THE LARGEST NUMBER OF UNFULFILLED PROJECTS DURING THE SIX MONTH PERIOD.
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